

Classical Education: Lighting a Fire for a Life of Purpose at Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." This quote by Plutarch captures the essence of a classical education, and it's the philosophy that drives Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy. We invite you to discover a transformative educational experience, one that prepares students not just for college, but for a life of purpose, meaning, and contribution.

Maeser, a top-ranked public charter school in Lindon serving grades 7-12, has been recognized by Niche and *U.S. News & World Report* for academic excellence. This recognition stems from our unwavering commitment to truth, honor, and virtue, the cornerstones of a classical, liberal arts education. We believe in fostering critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

What does this mean in practice? A classical education at Maeser emphasizes engaging with enduring ideas. We immerse students in the great works of literature, philosophy, and history, not as dry texts, but as vibrant conversations across time. Imagine a 10th-grade World History class studying the French Revolution not just from a textbook, but through Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*. This approach allows students to explore the human condition, grapple with complex moral dilemmas, and develop a deeper understanding of principles like justice, mercy, courage, and loyalty. These are not just abstract concepts; they are the building blocks of character, and they are more relevant today than ever.

As Viktor Frankl said, "What man actually needs is not a tensionless state but rather the striving and struggling for a worthwhile goal, a freely chosen task." Maeser provides the tools and the inspiration for students to discover their worthwhile goals. Our rigorous curriculum, combined with a rich student experience, empowers them to become principled leaders, committed to bettering themselves and their communities. From high ACT scores and National Merit recognition to state and national accolades in athletics, performing arts, and visual arts, our students demonstrate the power of a well-rounded education.

Our unique Winterim program offers immersive learning experiences, allowing students to explore specialized subjects and develop hands-on skills beyond the traditional classroom. It's just one example of how Maeser goes beyond simply filling pails with information; we strive to light a fire within each student, igniting a passion for learning that will burn brightly throughout their lives.

In a world that increasingly demands not just smart individuals, but moral ones, Maeser prepares young people to be both. We equip them with the intellectual and ethical foundation they need to thrive in college, contribute meaningfully to society, and live lives of purpose.

Join the Maeser community and experience the difference. We are a tuition-free, public charter school, voted #1 with Niche and US News & World Report for the Best High School in Utah.